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Mr. Abdul Sheikh
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Directorate of Public Works
ATTN: AM5SB-FE-G (Abdul Sheikh)
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Dear Abdul:

On June 16, 2009, I attempted to conduct an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Due to range activities, the survey must be completed by 0800. However, a very low cloud ceiling persisted in your area until 1100 and prevented me from conducting the survey. However, based on observations made around your area, it is likely that no defoliation occurred at APG in 2009.

If you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2010, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 21, 2009.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN
Forester
Forest Health Protection

Cc: Robert Tatman, MDA
Robert Lueckel, MFO

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